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WIT AND HUMOR.
It was on the woodland road
Amid the light's fantastic change,
"If you can't drive with one hand,
George, let me hold the reins."
—Judge.

The newspaper man is the great writer of the people's wrongs—Galveston News.

In infancy we are generally most inoffensive when "up in arms."—Yonkers Statesman.

Whatever one's lot in life, he should have good deeds to show for it.—Philadelphia Times.

To one traveling through the country milestones are pretty good signs of progress.—Troy Press.

Jagson says the proprietor of the merry-go-round has a business whirled of his own.—Elmira Gazette.

The world is full of lion fighters, but it is hard to find a man who won't run from a hornet.—Rams Horn.

Some of the funny stories told about the fire are enough to make even the fire roar.—Yonkers Statesman.

New father—"What's the baby crying for?" Mother—"Because I told him he looked like you."—New York Morning Journal.

It is claimed that monkeys can talk, but whether this is true or not it is certain that they can a tail unfold.—Rochester Democrat.

When the young man becomes engaged to a young lady he establishes a protectorate. The wedding is annexation.—Baltimore American.

There is not much difference between a young man's first love affair and the way he feels when he first sits in a barber's chair.—Atchison Globe.

Kate—"The bride's uncle gave her away." Bessie—"Couldn't he get anything for her?" Kate—"No. Nothing but a husband."—Vogue.

"He offered her his hand and fortune." "Did she accept?" "No; the first was too large and the second too small."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

The people who abuse this world most vehemently while enjoying all its privileges are generally the ones who raise a great fuss over dying.—Washington News.

Photographer—"Here's a picture of your wife I took to-day. I call it a speaking likeness." Husband—"It must be if it's anything like her."—Boston Transcript.

Tom—"She's a daisy, ain't she, Bill?" Bill—"Daisy? Why, a daisy ain't no sunflower to her. She's a whole bouquet."—Life.

Mrs. Tender—"Do you think marriage is a failure?" Mrs. Weeds—"Not much. My husband had \$100,000 insurance on his life in my name."—Ex.

"What was your objection to my predecessor?" asked the missionary of the aesthetic cannibal. "He was utterly devoid of taste," returned the cannibal with a wry face.—Harper's Bazar.

Mamma—"And how did my little pet get to sleep last night without mamma?" Little pet—"Papa tried to sing to me like you do, and I hurried up an' went to sleep so's not to hear it."—Good News.

What do you think is the best way for George to learn to draw?" asked mater-familias. "Well," said George's brutal father as he pitched a "weed" into the cuspidor, "he might begin on one of these cigars you bought me."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

"Did you hear about the theatrical company that got stranded on a cannibal island?" "No." "Well it happened, and the head of the tribe said afterwards that the best part of the meal got away while he was eating the supe.—P. & S. S. Co.'s Bulletin.

"Did you—aw—receive a valentine from me, Miss Edgerly?" "Yes—but I never suspected that you sent it."

"Bah Jove, that's good! Yes, I had a fellow at the club sweet it, ye know."

"That's what deceived me. It was in a man's handwriting."—Life.

Houston—"Congratulations, old man. I was married yesterday." Mrs. Mosely.

Bleeker—"Mrs. Moorely! Why, her third husband has just died." Houston—"Well, you don't suppose I would have married her if he hadn't died, do you?"—Puck.

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Why are the Prairies Treeless?

Though this is not a conundrum, it is a puzzle which has exercised many minds. The question has been hotly debated in America, where the origin of the prairies themselves has been gravely and conflictingly ascribed to fire and to water, to heat and to cold; while the forests which once clothed these regions are with equal contradiction, held to have been parched by drought, drowned to death by lakes, smothered by the fumes of their soil, or crushed by the action of an age of ice.

The curious points thus raised have not been much noticed on the other side of the Atlantic until last autumn, when quite a quantity of interesting and original information has been put together by a well-known naturalist, Mr. Miller Christy, F. L. S., in a paper read before the British Association at Cardiff. He gives his impressions derived from repeated visits to those parts.

Close personal observation and facts gathered on the spot, have convinced him that the remarkable absence of trees on vast tracts of level land, where grasses flourish, and all sorts of flowers abound, where the soil is most fertile, and rainfall sufficient, and the climate favorable, can only be due to the persistent and unsparring force of fire.

This is no new idea. We have long been familiar, as he reminds us, with thrilling tales of hunters who, with ready resource, fight fire with fire, and thus surround themselves with a belt of ground where no flames can feed.

Nowadays such conflagrations are commonly caused by travelers who neglect to extinguish their camp fires, or by persons who start them in mischief or malice, or by settlers who seek thus to improve their pasturage, or to lessen the mosquito plague.

So it happens that almost the whole expanse of prairie land is annually scorched until no green thing remains, and coated with a fresh layer of black ashes, through which the grasses and herbaceous plants thrust themselves in the following season with vigorous growth.

Some of these fires are on so small a scale, and creep along so quietly, that they would die out on reaching the wheel track of a wagon on the short grass, or smoulder as gradually as an English railway-bank in summer time; but a large prairie fire at night is an alarming sight.

There is further proof of the frequency of these prairie fires in the fact that no animals are to be found except an occasional hare, or perhaps a coyote, or prairie wolf, and some few that burrow and so are safe; and that even earthworms, which, according to Darwin, are abundant in all parts of the world, are absent here, because no decaying vegetable matter remains to form their food.

The continual cultivation which other soils receive from the action of their worms that stir and move them, is thus denied to the prairies, but a natural compensation is given in the liberal coating of manure which is formed by the ashes of the grass.

In support to the fire theory we may also notice that there is no lack of trees in parts that are well protected. Poplars and willows spring up readily on all sides, and if not hindered, would certainly reproduce in due time the banished forest growth.

"Proposal" Statistics. A gentleman, apparently of some leisure and with taste for the curious, has compiled a list of methods in which heroes and heroines in fiction behave at the critical moment of "popping the question."

Taking a hundred cases of proposals accepted, and referring separately to the behavior of the nymphs and the swains, he finds that in eighty-one cases the gentleman declares he cannot live without the lady; in seventy-two he holds the lady's hand, and in sixty-seven he kisses her on the lips; two kiss her hand in the old courtly style; one eccentric kisses her in the palm of the nose—by mistake. Fourteen have lumps in the throat, and an equal number have qualms; nine say "Thank Heaven!" aloud, and seven are deliciously happy.

Of the ladies, eighty-seven kind that something is coming; eighty-one sink into the arms of the gentleman, and one into the arms of a chair; seventy-two have eyes full of love; one sneezes, and as she is a chit of a thing under sixteen, this must not be taken as a precedent; only three refer the gentleman to "papa"; a dozen hide their faces in their hands, but to counterbalance this excess of modesty, eleven clasp their arms round the gentleman's necks; one lady aged forty-five, struggles not to be kissed, and one, a widow, says, "Yes, but don't be a fool."

In the case of the "rejected addresses," out of fifty cases thirty-one gentlemen rush madly away; seventeen swear that life is of no value; fifteen clear lumps out of their throats; and thirteen, more practical than any, say they will go home. Half-a-dozen threaten to commit suicide; and four say they will go to sea; three tear hair—their own; one puts hands in his pockets; one pounds a stone wall with his fist, and one careful soul brushes the dust from the knee of his trousers. Of the ladies, fifty-one rise to their feet; twenty-six promise to be friends; two laugh in scornful derision; one asks if his mother knows; one promises to pray for him; and one tells him he is acting like a donkey.

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It is easy to steal or ring watches from the pocket. The thief gets the watch in one hand, the chain in the other and gives a short, quick jerk—the ring slips off the watch stem, and away goes the watch, leaving the victim only the chain.

This idea stopped that little game.
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HUMPHREYS' Her Little Darling.

She had a shrill young voice that prevailed the whole car, and when she spoke to the infantile darling at her side she stopped over into baby talk that made all the other passengers grit their teeth and clutch the push backs of the seats in front. The car was full, and the fond young guardian of infancy and innocence occupied the first seat. Back to back with that was the seat that faced the stove, and on this undesirable spot sat a thin old man with three satchels and chin whiskers.

There was a lull for a few miles, and the passengers began to relax their muscles and breathe freer, when the fusillade suddenly began again.

"Seepy, little dirl? Oh, so seepy?" No response.

"Was oo mamma's wittle yam? Mamma's wittle yammy yam? Look up here! Look at me! Oh, you bad. Was oo mamma's naughty bad?"

Three slaps.

"Oh, you bad precious little sing. Mamma's Daisy Duckums, her own tottie trots. Kissum me! Do you hear? Kissum me!"

There were beads of perspiration on the face of the man with chin whiskers, and when the conductor opened the car door he gave a convulsive shiver that knocked down the coal shovel.

"Conductor," he whispered, "you haven't come too soon."

"Not too?" asked the conductor, soothingly, opening the stove door.

"Hot?" Man, it's that woman and baby back of me. It's the baby twaddle. I tell you I can't stand it. I've raised nine young one myself out in Iowa, and I didn't raise 'em on that. Git the woman anything she wants. Git her a house and lot. I'll chip in, but keep her quiet. If you don't, conductor, I'll brain that baby with this yaller sample case. Hear? I'm despit!"

The conductor didn't reply. He leaned over to the young woman and said:

"Madam, you must send that dog to the baggage car."—Exchange.

A Very Clever Dog.

"Is it a fact that the Scotch collie is the most intelligent dog in the world?" If innumerable anecdotes of the intelligence displayed by the Scotch shepherd's most faithful companion are to be trusted, the collie is hard to beat. But we can tell a story of a Mexican sheepdog that ought to make his Scotch brother sit up.

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